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SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING MARCH 13, 1976

1. GROUP OF FIVE MET TO DISCUSS PROCEDURE FOR COMMITTEE
I ((-I) AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF GROUP
OF 77 CONSULTATIONS.

2. GROUP OF FIVE AGREED TO A U.S. PROPOSAL THAT ENGO
SHOULD ESTABLISH EITHER A GROUP OF 50 OR OTHER SIMILAR
INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED GROUP. ENGO SHOULD BEGIN BY CALLING
MEETING OF C-I THAN ALLOW SOME CONFLICT TO DEVELOP FOR
WHICH HE COULD SUSPEND THE MEETING AND ASK THAT A SMALLER
GROUP MEET TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. THIS WOULD GIVE
OPPORTUNITY FOR "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" (20 TO 30)
DELEGATES, TO ASSEMBLY AND EVENTUALLY BECOME THE CORE
NEGOTIATING GROUP OF C-I. THE FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN
WOULD THEN BREAK INTO A SMALLER GROUP ON AN AD-HOC BASIS
TO SETTLE DISPUTES WITHOUT ENGO BEING PRESENT AND REPORT
TO HIM ON THEIR NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. IN SUCH A SMALL
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GROUP PINTO (SRI LANKA) AND VINDENNES (NORWAY) COULD

EMERGE AS NATURAL RAPPORTEURS. ENGO COULD FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROCEDURE FOR SEVERAL DAYS UNTIL IT BECAME CLEAR TO ALL THAT A PATTERN WAS DEVELOPING. ADVANTAGE OF THIS THREE-TIER SYSTEM IS THAT IT INVOLVES NO SECRECY, NO FORMAL, CLOSED GROUP WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE COULD PARTICIPATE IN WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE SMALLEST FORUM IN C-I. US REP AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE DISCUSSED THIS PROCEDURAL APPROACH WITH LDC LEADERSHIP (ENGO, THOMPSON-FLORES, OF BRAZIL ZEGERS OF CHILE). THOMPSON-FLORES OFFERED TO PRESENT IDEAS TO OTHERS; ENGO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IDEA, ALTHOUGH HE APPEARED CONCERNED WITH CRITICS OF HIS EARLIER PROCEDURE. ROY LEE OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT OFFERED TO ASSIST PROCEDURE (THROUGH ROOM SELECTION). ENGO WANTS NO FORMAL MEETINGS OF C-I BECAUSE HE BELIEVES FORMAL SESSION WOULD GIVE FORUM TO HIS CRITICS.

3. THOMPSON-FLORES REPORTED TO ENGO THAT ECUADOR, KUWAIT, IRAN, IRAQ, GHANA, THAILAND, SENEGAL AND TANZANIA WERE CRITICAL OF ENGO'S SMALL-GROUP PROCEDURES. ENGO INTENDS TO SPEND THE NEXT FEW DAYS ATTEMPTING TO ASSUAGE THEM. ENGO THEREFORE PLANS NO MEETINGS OF C-I BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

4. THOMPSON-FLORES PROPOSED TO ENGO THAT IN ORDER TO DEFLECT HIS CRITICS AND EXPEDITE WORK IN C-I, ENGO OPEN C-I WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD DRAFTED NEW ARTICLES BASED ON WIDESPREAD CONSULTATIONS AND DID NOT INTEND TO HAVE THEM DISCUSSED IN HIS COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME. ENGO WOULD THEN INDICATE THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN ON ANNEX I AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THESE NEW ARTICLES WHICH HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE REQUESTING THEM.
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